GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS FOR RESEARCH WORK .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the research work undertaken and the amount spent by the Government thereon in agriculture particularly for sugarcane, wheat and various kinds of fruits in the country, State-wise;

(b) Whether the Government proposes to undertake any new research work for other foodgrains also; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) The ICAR has carried out research activities to increase agricultural production in various states through improvement of crop, animal and fish genetic resources, natural resource management, disease diagnostics and management in crops, livestock and fisheries, development and utilization of improved farm machinery, post harvest technology and human resource development. The funds for research are allocated institution and project-wise and not state-wise. In sugarcane, wheat and various fruits crops, the research efforts have focused on development of improved varieties/hybrids with specific traits and the suitable production, protection and post-harvest technologies which involved an approximate expenditure under plan funds of Rs.721.00 lakhs on sugarcane, Rs.620.00 lakhs on wheat and Rs.2483.00 lakhs on various fruit crops during 2005-06.

(b) & (c): Research work for development of improved varieties/hybrids, production, protection and other technologies for increasing quality and production of other foodgrains, is already going on . This includes, coarse cereals, minor millets, pulses etc..